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As an 11yr employee of Union Pacific Railroad, I would like to show support for the need of 2 person train crews. They are vital for public safety. They have the ability to see situations ahead of time and recognize problems with their train in a timely matter as to prevent runaways into populated communities, recognize and possibly avoid or atleast be first responders to road crossing collisions. It would be far too much for a single employee or a computer to respond to situations like this. In turn you would have to wait possibly hours for another person to arrive to fix a broken train, blocking several crossings or respond to a crossing accident. If you think you wait a long time at blocked crossings now, just wait until there is only 1 guy or no people on these trains. At this time a train can be cut at a crossing for emergency vehicles. If there is only one guy, that will no longer be an available option.